Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund

Fund 415

PURPOSE OF THE FUND:

The Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Fund accounts for the funding received from the federal government in support of the federal LLEBG Program. This program, which ended in 2004 and was replaced by the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, provides funding to units of local government to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety. The LLEBG Program emphasizes local decision-making and encourages communities to craft their own responses to local crime and drug problems.

LLEBG funds are to be used for the following activities:

- Hiring and training law enforcement officers and support personnel;
- overtime for officers and support personnel;
- > equipment, technology, and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions;
- > enhancing security measures in and around schools, or any other facility or location that local government considers a special risk for incidents of crime;
- > establishing multi-jurisdictional task forces to prevent or control crime; and
- establishing crime prevention programs involving cooperation between the community and law enforcement personnel.

In 2007-2008, San José plans to close out the remaining LLEBG Grants with the federal government, and the fund will be eliminated once the fund balance is reduced to zero.

AUTHORITY FOR THE FUND:

San José Municipal Code sections 4.80.3300 through 4.80.3330. Revenue and expenditure estimates are budgeted via Council funding sources resolution and appropriation ordinance, respectively.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

- ➤ United States Department of Justice, Local Law Enforcement Block Grants
- > Transfers from other funds
- > Interest earnings

FUND RESTRICTIONS:

While the use of moneys within this fund is not subject to Proposition 218, certain moneys in this fund may be restricted by other policies and guidelines, which are described below.

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FUND RESTRICTIONS (CONT'D.):

The following items may not be purchased, leased, or acquired with program funds:

- Tanks or armored vehicles
- > Fixed-wing aircraft
- Limousines
- Real estate
- > Yachts
- Consultants
- > Vehicles not primarily used for law enforcement

The City must establish a trust fund to deposit all federal payments received under the LLEBG Program. The City is also required to contribute a cash match that is 1/9 of the federal LLEBG funds expended.

All federal funds, including interest, revenue, dividend, and match funds must be spent within two years (24 months) from the date the grant payment is made to the jurisdiction. There are no extensions of the expenditure period. This fund may not be used to pay debts for activities beyond the scope of the LLEBG program.

LEAD RESPONSIBILITY:

Police Department

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND LOCATION:

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Designation:

Governmental Fund-Special Revenue

Budget Location:

Adopted Operating Budget

Funding Sources Resolution and Appropriation Ordinance Location:

Section 2.70

NOTES:

In 2004, the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance discontinued the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, which financed Fund 415, and replaced it with the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, which finances Fund 474. Fund 415 will be eliminated once the funds are fully expended.